

**MINUTES OF THE RECYCLING AD HOC COMMITTEE
OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
MARCH 17, 2016**

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER
With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 11:07 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL
Present: John Machol, David Casale, Holly Fortenberry, Willi Luthy, and Dan Cote.

Absent: Patrick Bobbitt and Bob Matteson.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 17, 2016 Meeting

Motion was made by Dan Cote, second by David Casale, to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2016 meeting. Unanimously approved.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Presentation of Single Stream Curbside Recycling Program and Costs

Ross Blackketter presented information on a proposed Material Recovery Facility, which included recycling totals for 2015, potential recycling rates, needs assessment, evaluation of curbside and drop-off recycling programs, recycling potential, types of Material Recovery Facilities and factors affecting the rates, location for a new Material Recovery Facility, and expenses for startup costs.

Discussion was held regarding the city's current recycling program, costs associated with instituting a curbside recycling program, greater participation in recycling by increasing convenience, private contract recycling, and costs associated with building a facility.

- B. Discussion of Types of Curbside Recycling Containers

Discussion was held regarding the types of curbside recycling containers. Types include commingled (mixed) or separated containers.

- C. Survey of Galveston Citizens Regarding Recycling and Approve Survey Questions

Discussion was held regarding conducting a short survey with some generic questions about recycling. Methods for getting the survey out could be a water bill insert and/or providing a copy at the counter, putting information on the city website, and setting up kiosks in the Water Department. Survey questions could include - How do you feel about recycling? Do you currently recycle? What level of recycling effort would you contribute to? How much would you be willing to pay?

- D. Possibility of Committee Visiting Other Recycling Facilities

Committee members may visit other recycling facilities in a couple months.

The committee will work on the following items – (1) potential questions for the survey, (2) what other cities are paying monthly, (3) future costs of the landfills, (4) potential commingled items shipped off the island as an interim solution, and (5) how much more we can save on an ecosystem.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janelle Williams", written over a horizontal line.

Janelle Williams, City Secretary